

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2213

Introduced by Assembly Member Eggman

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Sections 4980.72, 4980.78, 4980.80, 4980.90, 4999.57, 4999.58, 4999.59, 4999.60, and 4999.62 of, and to add Sections 4980.79, 4980.81, and 4999.63 to, the Business and Professions Code, relating to behavioral health care licensees.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2213, as introduced, Eggman. Behavioral health care licensees.

(1) Under existing law, the Board of Behavioral Sciences licenses and regulate marriage and family therapists and licensed professional clinical counselors. Existing law requires an applicant for either license to complete specified numbers of hours of supervised experience, and requires an applicant to register with the board as a marriage and family therapist intern or a licensed professional clinical counselor intern, respectively, in order to be credited for postdegree hours of supervised experience gained toward licensure.

The board may issue a marriage and family therapist license to a person who holds a valid license in good standing issued by an out-of-state board of marriage counselor examiners, board of marriage and family therapists, or corresponding authority, who satisfies specified conditions applicable to a person applying on or after January 1, 2016. These conditions include that the applicant's education is substantially equivalent to that required of in-state applicants. Under existing law, education is deemed substantially equivalent if specified coursework requirements and practicum requirements are satisfied. Under existing law an applicant is required to satisfy these requirements through

graduate level coursework, and remediate any deficiencies in these requirements prior to registering with the board as an intern.

This bill would allow an out-of-state applicant to remediate specified coursework requirements through continuing education, and to remediate specified coursework while registered as an intern. The bill would specify hour or unit requirements for certain coursework requirements. The bill would allow an applicant to remediate the practicum requirements if the applicant holds a license as described above.

(2) Existing law requires a marriage and family therapist applicant who completes his or her degree on or after August 1, 2012, to complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of instruction.

This bill would allow those applicants to remediate up to 12 semester units or 18 quarter units while the applicant is registered as an intern.

(3) Existing law requires a marriage and family therapist applicant who obtained his or her degree prior to August 1, 2012, to complete 60 semester or 90 quarter units of instruction.

This bill would allow those applicants to satisfy the degree requirement by completing 48 semester or 72 quarter units of instruction.

(4) Under existing law the board may issue professional clinical counselor license to a person who holds a valid license as a professional clinical counselor, or other counseling license that allows the applicant to independently provide clinical mental health services out of state who satisfies specified conditions applicable to a person applying on or after January 1, 2016. Those conditions include that the applicant's education is substantially equivalent to that required of in-state applicants. Under existing law, education is deemed substantially equivalent if specified coursework requirements are satisfied. An applicant is required to satisfy these requirements through graduate level coursework, and remediate any deficiencies in these requirements prior to registering with the board as an intern.

This bill would allow an out-of-state applicant to remediate specified coursework requirements through continuing education, and to remediate specified coursework while registered as an intern. The bill would specify hour or unit requirements for certain coursework requirements. The bill would allow an applicant to remediate the practicum requirements if the applicant holds a license as described above.

(5) Existing law requires a professional clinical counselor applicant who completes his or her degree on or after August 1, 2012, to complete 60 semester or 90 quarter units of instruction.

This bill would allow those applicants to remediate up to 12 semester units or 18 quarter units while the applicant is registered as an intern.

(6) Existing law requires an out-of-state professional clinical counselor applicant who obtained his or her degree prior to August 1, 2012, to complete 48 semester or 72 quarter units of instruction.

This bill would require those out-of-state applicants to satisfy the degree requirement by completing 60 semester or 90 quarter units of instruction, and would allow those applicants to remediate up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units.

The bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive and conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4980.72 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 4980.72. (a) This section applies to persons who are licensed
4 outside of California and apply for licensure on or after January
5 1, 2016.

6 (b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time
7 of submitting an application for a license pursuant to this chapter,
8 holds a valid license in good standing issued by a board of marriage
9 counselor examiners, board of marriage and family therapists, or
10 corresponding authority, of any state or country, if all of the
11 following conditions are satisfied:

12 (1) The applicant's education is substantially equivalent, as
13 defined in Section ~~4980.78~~, 4980.79. The applicant's degree title
14 need not be identical to that required by Section 4980.36 or
15 4980.37.

16 (2) The applicant complies with Section 4980.76, if applicable.

17 (3) The applicant's supervised experience is substantially
18 equivalent to that required for a license under this chapter. The
19 board shall consider hours of experience obtained outside of
20 California during the six-year period immediately preceding the
21 date the applicant initially obtained the license described above.
22 *If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised*
23 *experience, time actively licensed as a marriage and family*
24 *therapist shall be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month, up*

1 *to a maximum of 1,200 hours, if the applicant's degree meets the*
2 *practicum requirement described in subparagraph (C) of*
3 *paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 4980.79 without*
4 *exemptions or remediation.*

5 (4) The applicant passes the California law and ethics
6 examination.

7 (5) The applicant passes a clinical examination designated by
8 the board. An applicant who obtained his or her license or
9 registration under another jurisdiction may apply for licensure with
10 the board without taking the clinical examination if both of the
11 following conditions are met:

12 (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the licensing
13 examination set forth in regulation as accepted by the board.

14 (B) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is
15 in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not
16 been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise
17 restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding
18 brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

19 SEC. 2. Section 4980.78 of the Business and Professions Code
20 is amended to read:

21 4980.78. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for
22 licensure or registration on or after January 1, ~~2016~~ 2016, *and*
23 *who do not hold a license as described in Section 4980.72.*

24 (b) For purposes of ~~Sections 4980.72 and Section 4980.74,~~
25 education is substantially equivalent if all of the following
26 requirements are met:

27 (1) The degree is obtained from a school, college, or university
28 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United
29 States Department of Education and consists of, at a minimum, ~~48~~
30 ~~semester or 72 quarter units, including, but not limited to, both of~~
31 the following:

32 (A) (i) *For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within*
33 *the timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.36, the*
34 *degree shall contain no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter units*
35 *of instruction.*

36 (ii) *Up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units of instruction may be*
37 *remediated, if missing from the degree. The remediation may occur*
38 *while the applicant is registered as an intern.*

39 (B) *For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within the*
40 *timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.37, the*

1 *degree shall contain no less than 48 semester units or 72 quarter*
2 *units of instruction.*

3 ~~(A)~~

4 (C) Six semester or nine quarter units of practicum, including,
5 but not limited to, a minimum of 150 hours of face-to-face
6 ~~counseling~~, *counseling, and an additional 75 hours of either*
7 *face-to-face counseling or client-centered advocacy, as specified*
8 *in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section*
9 *4980.36.*

10 ~~(B)~~

11 (D) Twelve semester or 18 quarter units in the areas of marriage,
12 family, and child counseling and marital and family systems
13 approaches to treatment, as specified in subparagraph (A) of
14 paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36.

15 (2) *The applicant shall complete coursework in California law*
16 *and ethics as follows:*

17 (A) *An applicant who completed a course in law and*
18 *professional ethics for marriage and family therapists as specified*
19 *in paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 4980.81, that did*
20 *not contain instruction in California law and ethics, shall complete*
21 *an 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics. The*
22 *content of the course shall include, but not be limited to,*
23 *advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of*
24 *minors, confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient*
25 *privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and*
26 *federal laws relating to confidentiality of patient health*
27 *information, dual relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent*
28 *adult abuse, online therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil*
29 *liability, disciplinary actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics*
30 *complaints and ethical standards, termination of therapy, standards*
31 *of care, relevant family law, therapist disclosures to patients,*
32 *differences in legal and ethical standards in different types of work*
33 *settings, and licensing law and licensing process. This coursework*
34 *shall be completed prior to registration as an intern.*

35 (B) *An applicant who has not completed a course in law and*
36 *professional ethics for marriage and family therapists as specified*
37 *in paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 4980.81 shall*
38 *complete this required coursework. The coursework shall contain*
39 *content specific to California law and ethics. This coursework*
40 *shall be completed prior to registration as an intern.*

1 ~~(2)~~

2 ~~(3) The applicant completes any units and course content~~
3 ~~requirements under subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36 the~~
4 ~~educational requirements specified in Section 4980.81 not already~~
5 ~~completed in his or her education. The coursework may be from~~
6 ~~an accredited school, college, or university as specified in~~
7 ~~paragraph (1), from an educational institution approved by the~~
8 ~~Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, or from a continuing~~
9 ~~education provider that is acceptable to the board as defined in~~
10 ~~Section 4980.54. The content of this coursework shall be of a~~
11 ~~graduate level.~~

12 ~~(3)~~

13 ~~(4) The applicant completes credit level the following~~
14 ~~coursework from a degree-granting institution that provides all of~~
15 ~~the following: not already completed in his or her education from~~
16 ~~an accredited school, college, or university as specified in~~
17 ~~paragraph (1) from an educational institution approved by the~~
18 ~~Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, or from a continuing~~
19 ~~education provider that is acceptable to the board as defined in~~
20 ~~Section 4980.54. The content of this coursework shall be of a~~
21 ~~graduate level.~~

22 ~~(A) Instruction—At least three semester units, or 45 hours, of~~
23 ~~instruction regarding the principles of mental health~~
24 ~~recovery-oriented care and methods of service delivery in recovery~~
25 ~~model recovery-oriented practice environments; environments,~~
26 ~~including structured meetings with various consumers and family~~
27 ~~members of consumers of mental health services to enhance~~
28 ~~understanding of their experience of mental illness, treatment, and~~
29 ~~recovery.~~

30 ~~(B) An—At least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction~~
31 ~~that includes an understanding of various California cultures and~~
32 ~~the social and psychological implications of socioeconomic~~
33 ~~position.~~

34 ~~(C) Structured meeting with various consumers and family~~
35 ~~members of consumers of mental health services to enhance~~
36 ~~understanding of their experience of mental illness, treatment, and~~
37 ~~recovery.~~

38 ~~(D) Instruction in addiction and co-occurring substance abuse~~
39 ~~and mental health disorders, as specified in subparagraph (I) of~~
40 ~~paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36.~~

1 ~~(4) The applicant completes an 18-hour course in California~~
2 ~~law and professional ethics. The content of the course shall include,~~
3 ~~but not be limited to, advertising, scope of practice, scope of~~
4 ~~competence, treatment of minors, confidentiality, dangerous~~
5 ~~patients, psychotherapist-patient privilege, recordkeeping, patient~~
6 ~~access to records, state and federal laws relating to confidentiality~~
7 ~~of patient health information, dual relationships, child abuse, elder~~
8 ~~and dependent adult abuse, online therapy, insurance~~
9 ~~reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary actions and~~
10 ~~unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical standards,~~
11 ~~termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family law,~~
12 ~~therapist disclosures to patients, differences in legal and ethical~~
13 ~~standards in different types of work settings, and licensing law~~
14 ~~and licensing process.~~

15 *(5) An applicant may complete any units and course content*
16 *requirements required under paragraphs (3) and (4) not already*
17 *completed in his or her education while registered as an intern,*
18 *unless otherwise specified.*

19 ~~(5)~~

20 (6) The applicant's degree title need not be identical to that
21 required by subdivision (b) of Section 4980.36.

22 SEC. 3. Section 4980.79 is added to the Business and
23 Professions Code, to read:

24 4980.79. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for
25 licensure or registration on or after January 1, 2016, and who hold
26 a license as described in Section 4980.72.

27 (b) For purposes of Section 4980.72, education is substantially
28 equivalent if all of the following requirements are met:

29 (1) The degree is obtained from a school, college, or university
30 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United
31 States Department of Education and consists of, at a minimum,
32 the following:

33 (A) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within the
34 timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.36, the
35 degree shall contain no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter units
36 of instruction.

37 (i) Up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units of instruction may be
38 remediated, if missing from the degree. The remediation may occur
39 while the applicant is registered as an intern.

(ii) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within the timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4980.37, the degree shall contain no less than 48 semester or 72 quarter units of instruction.

(iii) Six semester or nine quarter units of practicum, including, but not limited to, a minimum of 150 hours of face-to-face counseling, and an additional 75 hours of either face-to-face counseling or client-centered advocacy, as specified in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36.

(I) An out-of-state applicant who has been licensed for at least two years in clinical practice, as verified by the board, is exempt from this requirement.

(II) An out-of-state applicant who has been licensed for less than two years in clinical practice, as verified by the board, who does not meet the practicum requirement, shall remediate it by obtaining 150 hours of face-to-face counseling, and an additional 75 hours of either face-to-face counseling or client-centered advocacy, as specified in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36. These hours are in addition to the 3,000 hours of experience required by this chapter, and shall be gained while registered as an intern.

(B) Twelve semester or 18 quarter units in the subject of marriage, family, and child counseling and marital and family systems approaches to treatment, as specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 4980.36.

(2) An applicant shall complete coursework in California law and ethics as follows:

(A) An applicant who completed a course in law and professional ethics for marriage and family therapists as specified in paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 4980.81 that did not include instruction in California law and ethics, shall complete an 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics. The content of the course shall include, but not be limited to, advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors, confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and federal laws relating to confidentiality of patient health information, dual relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary

1 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical
2 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family
3 law, therapist disclosures to patients, differences in legal and ethical
4 standards in different types of work settings, and licensing law
5 and licensing process. This coursework shall be completed prior
6 to registration as an intern.

7 (B) An applicant who has not completed a course in law and
8 professional ethics for marriage and family therapists as specified
9 in paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 4980.81 shall
10 complete this required coursework. The coursework shall include
11 content specific to California law and ethics. An applicant shall
12 complete this coursework registration as an intern.

13 (3) The applicant completes the educational requirements
14 specified in Section 4980.81 not already completed in his or her
15 education. The coursework may be from an accredited school,
16 college, or university as specified in paragraph (1), from an
17 educational institution approved by the Bureau for Private
18 Postsecondary Education, or from a continuing education provider
19 that is acceptable to the board as defined in Section 4980.54. The
20 content of this coursework shall be of a graduate level.

21 (4) The applicant completes the following coursework not
22 already completed in his or her education from an accredited
23 school, college, or university as specified in paragraph (1) above,
24 from an educational institution approved by the Bureau for Private
25 Postsecondary Education, or from a continuing education provider
26 that is acceptable to the board as defined in Section 4980.54. The
27 content of this coursework shall be of a graduate level.

28 (A) At least three semester units, or 45 hours, of instruction
29 pertaining to the principles of mental health recovery-oriented care
30 and methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice
31 environments, including structured meetings with various
32 consumers and family members of consumers of mental health
33 services to enhance understanding of their experience of mental
34 illness, treatment, and recovery.

35 (B) At least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction that
36 includes an understanding of various California cultures and the
37 social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position.

38 (5) An applicant's degree title need not be identical to that
39 required by subdivision (b) of Section 4980.36.

1 (6) An applicant may complete any units and course content
2 requirements required under paragraphs (3) and (4) not already
3 completed in his or her education while registered as an intern,
4 unless otherwise specified.

5 SEC. 4. Section 4980.80 of the Business and Professions Code
6 is amended to read:

7 4980.80. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for
8 licensure between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2015,
9 inclusive.

10 (b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time
11 of application, holds a valid license issued by a board of marriage
12 counselor examiners, marriage therapist examiners, or
13 corresponding authority of any state, if all of the following
14 requirements are satisfied:

15 (1) The person has held that license for at least two years
16 immediately preceding the date of application.

17 (2) The education and supervised experience requirements are
18 substantially the equivalent of this chapter. *If an applicant has less*
19 *than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised experience, time actively*
20 *licensed as a marriage and family therapist shall be accepted at*
21 *a rate of 100 hours per month up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.*

22 (3) The person complies with Section 4980.76, if applicable.

23 (4) The person successfully completes the board administered
24 licensing examinations as specified by subdivision (d) of Section
25 4980.40 and pays the fees specified.

26 (5) The person completes all of the following coursework or
27 training:

28 (A) (i) An applicant who completed a two semester or three
29 quarter unit course in law and professional ethics for marriage and
30 family therapists that does not meet the requirements of Section
31 4980.41 as part of his or her qualifying degree shall complete an
32 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics that
33 includes, but is not limited to, the following subjects: advertising,
34 scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors,
35 confidentiality, dangerous patients, psychotherapist-patient
36 privilege, recordkeeping, patient access to records, state and federal
37 laws relating to the confidentiality of patient health information,
38 dual relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse,
39 online therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary
40 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical

1 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family
2 law, and therapist disclosures to patients.

3 (ii) An applicant who has not completed a two semester or three
4 quarter unit course in law and professional ethics for marriage and
5 family therapists that included areas of study as specified in Section
6 4980.41 as part of his or her qualifying degree, shall complete a
7 two semester or three quarter unit course in California law and
8 professional ethics that includes, at minimum, the areas of study
9 specified in Section 4980.41.

10 (B) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework
11 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28
12 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

13 (C) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework
14 in human sexuality as specified in Section 25 and any regulations
15 promulgated thereunder.

16 (D) A minimum of 15 contact hours of training or coursework
17 in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency as
18 specified by regulation.

19 (E) (i) Instruction in spousal or partner abuse assessment,
20 detection, and intervention. This instruction may be taken either
21 in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate
22 course.

23 (ii) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework or training
24 in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention
25 strategies.

26 (F) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey
27 course in psychological testing. This course may be taken either
28 in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate
29 course.

30 (G) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey
31 course in psychopharmacology. This course may be taken either
32 in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate
33 course.

34 (H) With respect to human sexuality, alcoholism and other
35 chemical substance dependency, spousal or partner abuse
36 assessment, detection, and intervention, psychological testing, and
37 psychopharmacology, the board may accept training or coursework
38 acquired out of state.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 5. Section 4980.81 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4980.81. This section applies to persons subject to Section 4980.78 or 4980.79, who apply for licensure or registration on or after January 2016.

(a) For purposes of Sections 4980.78 and 4980.79, an applicant shall meet all of the following educational requirements:

(1) A minimum of two semester units of instruction in the diagnosis, assessment, prognosis, and treatment of mental disorders, including severe mental disorders, evidence-based practices, psychological testing, psychopharmacology, and promising mental health practices that are evaluated in peer reviewed literature. This shall include at least one semester unit or 15 hours of instruction in psychological testing and at least one semester unit or 15 hours of instruction in psychopharmacology.

(2) (A) Developmental issues from infancy to old age, including demonstration of at least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction that includes all of the following subjects:

(i) The effects of developmental issues on individuals, couples, and family relationships.

(ii) The psychological, psychotherapeutic, and health implications of developmental issues and their effects.

(iii) The understanding of the impact that personal and social insecurity, social stress, low educational levels, inadequate housing, and malnutrition have on human development.

(B) An applicant who is deficient in any of these subjects may remediate the coursework by completing three hours of instruction in each deficient subject.

(3) (A) The broad range of matters and life events that may arise within marriage and family relationships and within a variety of California cultures, including instruction in all of the following:

(i) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28 and any regulations promulgated under that section.

(ii) A minimum of 10 contact hours of coursework that includes all of the following:

1 (I) The assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment related
2 to, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.

3 (II) Aging and its biological, social, cognitive, and psychological
4 aspects.

5 (III) Long-term care.

6 (IV) End-of-life and grief.

7 (iii) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework in spousal
8 or partner abuse assessment, detection, intervention strategies, and
9 same gender abuse dynamics.

10 (iv) Cultural factors relevant to abuse of partners and family
11 members.

12 (v) Childbirth, child rearing, parenting, and stepparenting.

13 (vi) Marriage, divorce, and blended families.

14 (vii) Poverty and deprivation.

15 (viii) Financial and social stress.

16 (ix) Effects of trauma.

17 (x) The psychological, psychotherapeutic, community, and
18 health implications of the matters and life events described in
19 clauses (i) to (ix), inclusive.

20 (4) At least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction in
21 multicultural development and cross-cultural interaction, including
22 experiences of race, ethnicity, class, spirituality, sexual orientation,
23 gender, and disability, and their incorporation into the
24 psychotherapeutic process.

25 (5) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework
26 in human sexuality, as specified in Section 25 and any regulations
27 promulgated under that section, including the study of
28 physiological, psychological, and social cultural variables
29 associated with sexual behavior and gender identity, and the
30 assessment and treatment of psychosexual dysfunction.

31 (6) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework in substance
32 use disorders, and a minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework
33 in cooccurring disorders and addiction. The following subjects
34 shall be included in this coursework:

35 (A) The definition of substance use disorders, cooccurring
36 disorders, and addiction. For purposes of this subparagraph
37 “cooccurring disorders” means a mental illness and substance
38 abuse diagnosis occurring simultaneously in an individual.

39 (B) Medical aspects of substance use disorders and cooccurring
40 disorders.

- 1 (C) The effects of psychoactive drug use.
- 2 (D) Current theories of the etiology of substance abuse and
- 3 addiction.
- 4 (E) The role of persons and systems that support or compound
- 5 substance abuse and addiction.
- 6 (F) Major approaches to identification, evaluation, and treatment
- 7 of substance use disorders, cooccurring disorders, and addiction,
- 8 including, but not limited to, best practices.
- 9 (G) Legal aspects of substance abuse.
- 10 (H) Populations at risk with regard to substance use disorders
- 11 and cooccurring disorders.
- 12 (I) Community resources offering screening, assessment,
- 13 treatment, and followup for the affected person and family.
- 14 (J) Recognition of substance use disorders, cooccurring
- 15 disorders, and addiction, and appropriate referral.
- 16 (K) The prevention of substance use disorders and addiction.
- 17 (7) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit course
- 18 in law and professional ethics for marriage and family therapists,
- 19 including instruction in all of the following subjects:
- 20 (A) Contemporary professional ethics and statutory, regulatory,
- 21 and decisional laws that delineate the scope of practice of marriage
- 22 and family therapy.
- 23 (B) The therapeutic, clinical, and practical considerations
- 24 involved in the legal and ethical practice of marriage and family
- 25 therapy, including, but not limited to, family law.
- 26 (C) The current legal patterns and trends in the mental health
- 27 professions.
- 28 (D) The psychotherapist-patient privilege, confidentiality, the
- 29 patient dangerous to self or others, and the treatment of minors
- 30 with and without parental consent.
- 31 (E) A recognition and exploration of the relationship between
- 32 a practitioner's sense of self and human values and his or her
- 33 professional behavior and ethics.
- 34 (F) Differences in legal and ethical standards for different types
- 35 of work settings.
- 36 (G) Licensing law and licensing process.
- 37 SEC. 6. Section 4980.90 of the Business and Professions Code
- 38 is amended to read:

1 4980.90. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for
2 licensure between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2015,
3 inclusive.

4 (b) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted
5 toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent
6 to that required by this chapter, if the applicant complies with
7 Section 4980.76, if applicable, and if the applicant has gained a
8 minimum of 250 hours of supervised experience in direct
9 counseling within California while registered as an intern with the
10 board. The board shall consider hours of experience obtained in
11 another state during the six-year period immediately preceding the
12 applicant's initial licensure by that state as a marriage and family
13 therapist. *If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying*
14 *supervised experience, time actively licensed as a marriage and*
15 *family therapist shall be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month*
16 *up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.*

17 (c) Education gained while residing outside of California shall
18 be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially
19 equivalent to the education requirements of this chapter, and if the
20 applicant has completed all of the following:

21 (1) A two semester or three quarter unit course in California
22 law and professional ethics for marriage, family, and child
23 counselors that shall include areas of study as specified in Section
24 4980.41.

25 (2) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework
26 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28
27 and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

28 (3) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training or coursework
29 in sexuality as specified in Section 25 and any regulations
30 promulgated thereunder.

31 (4) A minimum of 15 contact hours of training or coursework
32 in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency as
33 specified by regulation.

34 (5) (A) Instruction in spousal or partner abuse assessment,
35 detection, and intervention. This instruction may be taken either
36 in fulfillment of other educational requirements for licensure or
37 in a separate course.

38 (B) A minimum of 15 contact hours of coursework or training
39 in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention
40 strategies.

(6) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey course in psychological testing. This course may be taken either in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate course.

(7) A minimum of a two semester or three quarter unit survey course in psychopharmacology. This course may be taken either in fulfillment of other requirements for licensure or in a separate course.

(8) With respect to human sexuality, alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency, spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention, psychological testing, and psychopharmacology, the board may accept training or coursework acquired out of state.

(d) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion, accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant meets both of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant has been granted a degree in a single integrated program primarily designed to train marriage and family therapists.

(2) The applicant's education meets the requirements of Section 4980.37. The degree title need not be identical to that required by subdivision (b) of Section 4980.37. If the applicant's degree does not contain the content or the overall units required by Section 4980.37, the board may, in its discretion, accept the applicant's education as substantially equivalent if the following criteria are satisfied:

(A) The applicant's degree contains the required number of practicum units and coursework required in the areas of marriage, family, and child counseling and marital and family systems approaches to treatment as specified in Section 4980.37.

(B) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by completing the course content and the units required by Section 4980.37.

(C) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 7. Section 4999.57 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4999.57. (a) This section applies to a person who applies for examination eligibility or registration between January 1, 2011,

1 and December 31, 2015, inclusive, who does not hold a license
2 described in subdivision (a) of Section 4999.58.

3 (b) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted
4 toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent
5 to that required by this chapter, if the applicant complies with
6 Section 4999.40, if applicable, and if the applicant has gained a
7 minimum of 250 hours of supervised experience in direct
8 counseling within California while registered as an intern with the
9 board.

10 (c) (1) Education gained while residing outside of California
11 shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is
12 substantially equivalent to the education requirements of this
13 chapter, and if the applicant has completed the training or
14 coursework required under subdivision (e) of Section ~~4999.32,~~
15 ~~which includes, in addition to the course described in subparagraph~~
16 ~~(f) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 4999.32, an~~
17 ~~18-hour course in California law and professional ethics for~~
18 ~~professional clinical counselors. 4999.32.~~

19 (2) *An applicant who completed a course that meets the*
20 *requirements of subparagraph (f) of paragraph (1) of subdivision*
21 *(c) of Section 4999.32, and that included instruction in California*
22 *law and ethics, is exempt from taking the 18-hour course specified*
23 *in paragraph (6) of subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32.*

24 (d) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion,
25 accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant's
26 education meets the requirements of Section 4999.32. If the
27 applicant's degree does not contain the content or the overall units
28 required by Section 4999.32, the board may, in its discretion, accept
29 the applicant's education as substantially equivalent if the following
30 criteria are satisfied:

31 (1) The applicant's degree contains the required number of
32 practicum units under paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section
33 4999.32.

34 (2) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by
35 completing the course content and units required by Section
36 4999.32.

37 (3) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

38 (e) This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2016,
39 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which
40 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 8. Section 4999.58 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4999.58. (a) This section applies to a person who applies for examination eligibility between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2015, inclusive, and who meets both of the following requirements:

(1) At the time of application, holds a valid license as a professional clinical counselor, or other counseling license that allows the applicant to independently provide clinical mental health services, in another jurisdiction of the United States.

(2) Has held the license described in paragraph (1) for at least two years immediately preceding the date of application.

(b) The board may issue a license to a person described in subdivision (a) if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The education and supervised experience requirements of the other jurisdiction are substantially the equivalent of this chapter, as described in subdivision (e) and in Section 4999.46.

(2) The person complies with subdivision (b) of Section 4999.40, if applicable.

(3) The person successfully completes the examinations required by the board pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 4999.50. An applicant who obtained his or her license or registration under another jurisdiction by taking a national examination that is required by the board may apply for licensure with the board without retaking that examination if both of the following conditions are met:

(A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the national licensing examination that is required by the board.

(B) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

(4) The person pays the required fees.

(c) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent to that required by this chapter. The board shall consider hours of experience obtained in another state during the six-year period immediately preceding the applicant's initial licensure by that state as a licensed professional clinical counselor. *If the applicant has*

1 *less than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised experience, time*
2 *actively licensed as a licensed professional clinical counselor shall*
3 *be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month up to a maximum of*
4 *1,200 hours.*

5 (d) (1) Education gained while residing outside of California
6 shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is
7 substantially equivalent to the education requirements of this
8 chapter, and if the applicant has completed the training or
9 coursework required under subdivision (e) of Section ~~4999.32,~~
10 ~~which includes, in addition to the course described in subparagraph~~
11 ~~(f) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32, an~~
12 ~~18-hour course in California law and professional ethics for~~
13 ~~professional clinical counselors. 4999.32.~~

14 (2) *An applicant who completed a course that meets the*
15 *requirements of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision*
16 *(c) of Section 4999.32, and that included instruction in California*
17 *law and ethics, is exempt from taking the 18-hour course specified*
18 *in paragraph (6) of subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32.*

19 (e) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion,
20 accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant's
21 education meets the requirements of Section 4999.32. If the
22 applicant's degree does not contain the content or the overall units
23 required by Section 4999.32, the board may, in its discretion, accept
24 the applicant's education as substantially equivalent if the following
25 criteria are satisfied:

26 (1) The applicant's degree contains the required number of
27 practicum units under paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section
28 4999.32.

29 (2) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by
30 completing the course content and units required by Section
31 4999.32.

32 (3) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

33 (f) This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2016,
34 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which
35 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

36 SEC. 9. Section 4999.59 of the Business and Professions Code
37 is amended to read:

38 4999.59. (a) This section applies to a person who applies for
39 examination eligibility or registration between January 1, 2011,

1 and December 31, 2015, inclusive, who meets both of the following
2 requirements:

3 (1) At the time of application, holds a valid license described
4 in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 4999.58.

5 (2) Has held the license described in paragraph (1) for less than
6 two years immediately preceding the date of application.

7 (b) Experience gained outside of California shall be accepted
8 toward the licensure requirements if it is substantially equivalent
9 to that required by this chapter, if the applicant complies with
10 Section 4999.40, if applicable, and if the applicant has gained a
11 minimum of 250 hours of supervised experience in direct
12 counseling within California while registered as an intern with the
13 board. The board shall consider hours of experience obtained in
14 another state during the six-year period immediately preceding the
15 applicant's initial licensure in that state as a professional clinical
16 counselor. *If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying*
17 *supervised experience, time actively licensed as a licensed*
18 *professional clinical counselor shall be accepted at a rate of 100*
19 *hours per month up to a maximum of 1,200 hours.*

20 (c) (1) Education gained while residing outside of California
21 shall be accepted toward the licensure requirements if it is
22 substantially equivalent to the education requirements of this
23 chapter, and if the applicant has completed the training or
24 coursework required under subdivision (e) of Section ~~4999.32,~~
25 ~~which includes, in addition to the course described in subparagraph~~
26 ~~(I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32, an~~
27 ~~18-hour course in California law and professional ethics for~~
28 ~~professional clinical counselors. 4999.32.~~

29 (2) *An applicant who completed a course that meets the*
30 *requirements of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision*
31 *(c) of Section 4999.32, and that included instruction in California*
32 *law and ethics, is exempt from taking the 18-hour course specified*
33 *in paragraph (6) of subdivision (e) of Section 4999.32.*

34 (d) For purposes of this section, the board may, in its discretion,
35 accept education as substantially equivalent if the applicant's
36 education meets the requirements of Section 4999.32. If the
37 applicant's degree does not contain the content or the overall units
38 required by Section 4999.32, the board may, in its discretion, accept
39 the applicant's education as substantially equivalent if the following
40 criteria are satisfied:

1 (1) The applicant's degree contains the required number of
2 practicum units under paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section
3 4999.32.

4 (2) The applicant remediates his or her specific deficiency by
5 completing the course content and units required by Section
6 4999.32.

7 (3) The applicant's degree otherwise complies with this section.

8 (e) An applicant who obtained his or her license or registration
9 under another jurisdiction by taking a national examination that
10 is required by the board may apply for licensure with the board
11 without retaking that examination if both of the following
12 conditions are met:

13 (1) The applicant obtained a passing score on the national
14 licensing examination that is required by the board.

15 (2) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is
16 in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not
17 been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise
18 restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding
19 brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

20 (f) This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2016,
21 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which
22 is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

23 SEC. 10. Section 4999.60 of the Business and Professions
24 Code is amended to read:

25 4999.60. (a) This section applies to persons who are licensed
26 outside of California and apply for examination eligibility on or
27 after January 1, 2016.

28 (b) The board may issue a license to a person who, at the time
29 of submitting an application for a license pursuant to this chapter,
30 holds a valid license as a professional clinical counselor, or other
31 counseling license that allows the applicant to independently
32 provide clinical mental health services, in another jurisdiction of
33 the United States, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

34 (1) The applicant's education is substantially equivalent, as
35 defined in Section ~~4999.62~~: 4999.63.

36 (2) The applicant complies with subdivision (b) of Section
37 4999.40, if applicable.

38 (3) The applicant's supervised experience is substantially
39 equivalent to that required for a license under this chapter. The
40 board shall consider hours of experience obtained outside of

1 California during the six-year period immediately preceding the
2 date the applicant initially obtained the license described above.
3 *If the applicant has less than 3,000 hours of qualifying supervised*
4 *experience, time actively licensed as a professional clinical*
5 *counselor shall be accepted at a rate of 100 hours per month up*
6 *to a maximum of 1,200 hours if the applicant's degree meets the*
7 *practicum requirement described in subparagraph (C) of*
8 *paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 4999.63 without*
9 *exemptions or remediation.*

10 (4) The applicant passes the examinations required to obtain a
11 license under this chapter. An applicant who obtained his or her
12 license or registration under another jurisdiction may apply for
13 licensure with the board without taking the clinical examination
14 if both of the following conditions are met:

15 (A) The applicant obtained a passing score on the licensing
16 examination set forth in regulation as accepted by the board.

17 (B) The applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction is
18 in good standing at the time of his or her application and has not
19 been revoked, suspended, surrendered, denied, or otherwise
20 restricted or encumbered as a result of any disciplinary proceeding
21 brought by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction.

22 SEC. 11. Section 4999.62 of the Business and Professions
23 Code is amended to read:

24 4999.62. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for
25 examination eligibility or registration on or after January 1, ~~2016.~~
26 *2016, and who do not hold a license as described in Section*
27 *4999.60.*

28 (b) For purposes of ~~Sections 4999.60 and Section 4999.61,~~
29 education is substantially equivalent if all of the following
30 requirements are met:

31 (1) The degree is obtained from an accredited or approved
32 institution, as defined in Section 4999.12, and consists of, at a
33 minimum, ~~48 semester or 72 quarter units, including, but not~~
34 ~~limited to, both of the following:~~

35 (A) (i) *For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within*
36 *the timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4999.33 the*
37 *degree shall contain no less than 60 graduate semester or 90*
38 *graduate quarter units of instruction.*

1 (ii) *Up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units of instruction may be*
2 *remediated, if missing from the degree. The remediation may occur*
3 *while the applicant is registered as an intern.*

4 (B) *For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within the*
5 *timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4999.32 the*
6 *degree shall contain no less than 48 graduate semester or 72*
7 *graduate quarter units of instruction.*

8 ~~(A)~~

9 (C) *Six semester or nine quarter units of practicum, including,*
10 *but not limited to, a minimum of 280 hours of face-to-face*
11 *counseling.*

12 ~~(B)~~

13 (D) *The required areas of study listed in subparagraphs (A) to*
14 *(M), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section*
15 *4999.33.*

16 (i) *An applicant whose degree is deficient in any of the required*
17 *subjects listed in subparagraphs (A) to (M), inclusive, of paragraph*
18 *(1) of subdivision (c) may satisfy those deficiencies by successfully*
19 *completing graduate level coursework at an accredited or approved*
20 *institution, as defined in Section 4999.12. Coursework taken to*
21 *meet those deficiencies shall be the equivalent of three semester*
22 *units or four and one-half quarter units of study.*

23 (ii) *An applicant who completed a course in professional*
24 *orientation, ethics, and law in counseling as required by*
25 *subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section*
26 *4999.33 that did not contain instruction in California law and*
27 *ethics shall complete an 18-hour course in California law and*
28 *professional ethics that includes, but is not limited to, instruction*
29 *in advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment*
30 *of minors, confidentiality, dangerous clients, psychotherapist-client*
31 *privilege, recordkeeping, client access to records, state and federal*
32 *laws relating to confidentiality of patient health information, dual*
33 *relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online*
34 *therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary*
35 *actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical*
36 *standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant*
37 *family law, and therapist disclosures to clients. An applicant shall*
38 *complete this coursework prior to registration as an intern.*

39 (iii) *An applicant who has not completed a course in*
40 *professional orientation, ethics, and law in counseling as required*

1 *by subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section*
2 *4999.33 shall complete this required coursework, including content*
3 *in California law and ethics. An applicant shall complete this*
4 *coursework prior to registration as an intern.*

5 (2) The applicant completes any units ~~and course content~~
6 ~~requirements under Section 4999.33~~ *required by subdivision (c)*
7 *of Section 4999.33 not already completed in his or her education.*
8 *education as follows:*

9 (A) *At least 15 semester units or 22.5 quarter units of advanced*
10 *coursework to develop knowledge of specific treatment issues or*
11 *special populations. This coursework is in addition to the course*
12 *requirements described in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1).*

13 (B) *Coursework shall be from an accredited or approved school,*
14 *college, or university as defined in Section 4999.12.*

15 (3) (A) *The applicant completes the following coursework not*
16 *already completed in his or her education:*

17 (i) *A minimum of 10 contact hours of training in human*
18 *sexuality, as specified in Section 25 and any regulations*
19 *promulgated thereunder, including the study of the physiological,*
20 *psychological, and social cultural variables associated with sexual*
21 *behavior, gender identity, and the assessment and treatment of*
22 *psychosexual dysfunction.*

23 (ii) *A minimum of 15 contact hours of instruction in spousal or*
24 *partner abuse assessment, detection, intervention strategies, and*
25 *same-gender abuse dynamics.*

26 (iii) *A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework*
27 *in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28*
28 *and any regulations promulgated thereunder.*

29 (iv) *A minimum of 10 contact hours of instruction in aging and*
30 *long-term care, including biological, social, cognitive, and*
31 *psychological aspects of aging. This coursework shall include*
32 *instruction on the assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment*
33 *related to, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.*

34 (B) *This coursework may be from an accredited or approved*
35 *school, college, or university as defined in Section 4999.12, or*
36 *from a continuing education provider that is acceptable to the*
37 *board as defined in Section 4999.76. The content of this coursework*
38 *shall be of a graduate level.*

39 (3)

(4) The applicant completes ~~credit level~~ *the following* coursework ~~from a degree-granting institution that provides all of the following; not already completed in his or her education from an accredited or approved school, college, or university as defined in Section 4999.12, or from a continuing education provider that is acceptable to the board as defined in Section 4999.76. The content of this coursework shall be of a graduate level.~~

(A) ~~Instruction~~ *At least three semester units, or 45 hours, of instruction regarding the principles of mental health recovery-oriented care and methods of service delivery in recovery model recovery-oriented practice environments; environments, including structured meetings with various consumers and family members of consumers of mental health services to enhance understanding of their experiences of mental illness, treatment, and recovery.*

(B) ~~An~~ *At least one semester unit, or 15 hours, of instruction that includes an understanding of various California cultures and the social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position.*

(C) ~~Structured meeting with various consumers and family members of consumers of mental health services to enhance understanding of their experience of mental illness, treatment, and recovery.~~

(D) ~~Instruction in behavioral addiction and co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders, as specified in subparagraph (K) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 4999.33.~~

(4) ~~The applicant completes, in addition to the course described in subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 4999.33, an 18-hour course in California law and professional ethics that includes, but is not limited to, instruction in advertising, scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors, confidentiality, dangerous clients, psychotherapist-client privilege, recordkeeping, client access to records, state and federal laws relating to confidentiality of patient health information, dual relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family law, and therapist disclosures to clients.~~

1 (5) *An applicant may complete any units and course content*
2 *requirements required under paragraphs (2), (3), or (4) not already*
3 *completed in his or her education while registered with the board*
4 *as an intern.*

5 SEC. 12. Section 4999.63 is added to the Business and
6 Professions Code, to read:

7 4999.63. (a) This section applies to persons who apply for
8 examination eligibility or registration on or after January 1, 2016,
9 and who hold a license as described in Section 4999.60.

10 (b) For purposes of Section 4999.60, education is substantially
11 equivalent if all of the following requirements are met:

12 (1) The degree was obtained from an accredited or approved
13 institution, as defined in Section 4999.12, and consists of the
14 following:

15 (A) (i) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within
16 the timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4999.33 the
17 degree shall contain no less than 60 graduate semester or 90
18 graduate quarter units of instruction.

19 (ii) Up to 12 semester or 18 quarter units of instruction may be
20 remediated, if missing from the degree. The remediation may occur
21 while the applicant is registered as an intern.

22 (B) For an applicant who obtained his or her degree within the
23 timeline prescribed by subdivision (a) of Section 4999.32 the
24 degree shall contain no less than 48 graduate semester or 72
25 graduate quarter units of instruction.

26 (C) Six semester or nine quarter units of practicum, including,
27 but not limited to, a minimum of 280 hours of face-to-face
28 counseling.

29 (i) An applicant who has been licensed for at least two years in
30 clinical practice, as verified by the board, is exempt from this
31 requirement.

32 (ii) An out-of-state applicant who has been licensed for less
33 than two years in clinical practice, as verified by the board, who
34 does not meet the practicum requirement, shall remediate the
35 requirement by demonstrating completion of a total of 280 hours
36 of face-to face counseling, as specified in subparagraph (K) of
37 paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 4999.33. Any
38 postdegree hours gained to meet this requirement are in addition
39 to the 3,000 hours of experience required by this chapter, and shall

1 be gained while the applicant is registered with the board as an
2 intern.

3 (D) The required subjects specified in subparagraphs (A) to
4 (M), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section
5 4999.33.

6 (i) An applicant whose degree is deficient in any of the required
7 subjects specified in subparagraphs (A) to (M), inclusive, of
8 paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) may satisfy those deficiencies by
9 successfully completing graduate level coursework at an accredited
10 or approved institution, as defined in Section 4999.12. Coursework
11 taken to meet those deficiencies shall be the equivalent of three
12 semester units or four and one-half quarter units of study.

13 (ii) An applicant who completed a course in professional
14 orientation, ethics, and law in counseling as required by
15 subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section
16 4999.33 that did not contain instruction in California law and ethics
17 shall complete an 18-hour course in California law and professional
18 ethics that includes, but is not limited to, instruction in advertising,
19 scope of practice, scope of competence, treatment of minors,
20 confidentiality, dangerous clients, psychotherapist-client privilege,
21 recordkeeping, client access to records, state and federal laws
22 relating to confidentiality of patient health information, dual
23 relationships, child abuse, elder and dependent adult abuse, online
24 therapy, insurance reimbursement, civil liability, disciplinary
25 actions and unprofessional conduct, ethics complaints and ethical
26 standards, termination of therapy, standards of care, relevant family
27 law, and therapist disclosures to clients. An applicant shall
28 complete this coursework prior to registration as an intern.

29 (iii) An applicant who has not completed a course in professional
30 orientation, ethics and law in counseling as required by
31 subparagraph (I) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section
32 4999.33 shall complete this required coursework, including content
33 in California law and ethics. An applicant shall complete this
34 coursework prior to registration as an intern.

35 (2) The applicant completes any units required under subdivision
36 (c) of Section 4999.33 not already completed in his or her education
37 as follows:

38 (A) At least 15 semester units or 22.5 quarter units of advanced
39 coursework to develop knowledge of specific treatment issues or

1 special populations. This coursework is in addition to the course
2 requirements described in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1).

3 (B) Coursework shall be from an accredited or approved school,
4 college, or university as defined in Section 4999.12.

5 (3) The applicant completes the following coursework not
6 already completed in his or her education:

7 (A) A minimum of 10 contact hours of training in human
8 sexuality, as specified in Section 25 and any regulations
9 promulgated thereunder, including the study of the physiological,
10 psychological, and social cultural variables associated with sexual
11 behavior, gender identity, and the assessment and treatment of
12 psychosexual dysfunction.

13 (B) A minimum of 15 contact hours of instruction in spousal
14 or partner abuse assessment, detection, intervention strategies, and
15 same-gender abuse dynamics.

16 (C) A minimum of seven contact hours of training or coursework
17 in child abuse assessment and reporting as specified in Section 28
18 and any regulations promulgated under that section.

19 (D) A minimum of 10 contact hours of instruction in aging and
20 long-term care, including biological, social, cognitive, and
21 psychological aspects of aging. This coursework shall include
22 instruction on the assessment and reporting of, as well as treatment
23 related to, elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.

24 (E) This coursework may be from an accredited or approved
25 school, college, or university as defined in Section 4999.12, or
26 from a continuing education provider that is acceptable to the board
27 as defined in Section 4999.76. The content of this coursework shall
28 be of a graduate level.

29 (4) The applicant completes the following coursework not
30 already completed in his or her education from an accredited or
31 approved school, college, or university as defined in Section
32 4999.12, or from a continuing education provider that is acceptable
33 to the board as defined in Section 4999.76. The content of this
34 coursework shall be of a graduate level.

35 (A) At least three semester units or 45 hours of instruction
36 regarding the principles of mental health recovery-oriented care
37 and methods of service delivery in recovery-oriented practice
38 environments, including structured meetings with various
39 consumers and family members of consumers of mental health

1 services to enhance understanding of their experience of mental
2 illness, treatment, and recovery.

3 (B) At least one semester unit or 15 hours of instruction that
4 includes an understanding of various California cultures and the
5 social and psychological implications of socioeconomic position.

6 (5) An applicant may complete any units and course content
7 requirements required by subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) or
8 paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) not already completed in his or her
9 education while registered with the board as an intern, unless
10 otherwise specified.

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